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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

CARTER, General

DATES:

9/14/62

CATEGORIES: 3

MONGOOSE

Special Groups Augmented

OCCURRENCE:

As reflected in the minutes of the SGA's meeting of 14 Sept. 1962, General CARTER stated that "CIA would examine the possibilities of sabotaging [airplane] parts which were scheduled to be shipped from Canada to Cuba."

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SOURCE:

Minutes of meeting of SGA on Operation Mongoose (00048)

FILE:

9/14/62

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STAFF:

PGW

DATE:

6/30/75

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(10)

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Carter ✓

DATES:

16 Oct 1962

CATEGORIES:

Mongoose
Special Group (Augmented)

OCCURRENCE:

DCI Carter proposes that CIA undertake as soon as possible a grenade attack on the Communist Embassy in Havana, to be carried out by recruited agent who has access to a roof overlooking the Embassy garden and has volunteered for this mission.

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SOURCE:

Memorandum from Marshall Carter to Special Group (Augmented), dated
Oct 1962 (00725)

STAFF:

DATE:

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

MCCONE ✓
CASTRO

DATES:

CATEGORIES:

MONGOOSE
SG-A

OCCURRENCE:

MCCONE TESTIFIED that the SGA approved a program to contaminate with Carbon dust cylinders in trucks and locomotives which CASTRO has purchased. This was to be done at the Point of Shipment. The program met with some success. MCCONE could not recall where the actual sabotage of the purchased equipment took place (22-2

SOURCE:

McCone, Testimony, 6/6/75

STAFF:

Rhea

FILE:

DATE:

6/27/75

15-3-74
(373)
(1)(9)
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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

(See list of names below.)

DATES:

Apr 17, 61 -

CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET

CASTRO

~~SECRET~~ - SYNDICATE/PHASE II --
KNOWLEDGE OF PHASE II

CARD 1 of 3

OCCURRENCE: The list of persons with knowledge of PHASE II of the CASTRO ASSASSINATION OPERATION differs from those who knew of PHASE I. Those with knowledge of PHASE II are:

1. RICHARD HELMS, DD/P
2. WILLIAM HARVEY, Chief, Task Force W
3. JAMES O'CONNELL, Office of Security
(He knows that Harvey took over the operation and delivered pills, arms, and equipment in April 1962. He does not know of developments after May 1962.)
4. SHEFFIELD EDWARDS, D/Security (He knows of the fact of the turnover to HARVEY, but states he knows nothing of developments thereafter.)

5. J. C. KING, Chief, WH Division (He stated in our interview with him that he knew that HARVEY was having meetings with members of the gambling syndicate in 1962.)

6. ~~BRUCE CHEEVER~~ HARVEY's deputy in 1962
(CHEEVER knows that HARVEY was meeting with gamblers in Reno (sic) in the winter of 1962.)

7. TED SHACKLEY, Chief, JMWAVE (He assisted HARVEY in the delivery of arms and equipment to VARONA in April 1962, but presumably did not know the identities of the recipients nor (con't.))

SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967-55

STAFF:

Baron

FILE:

DATE: 28.6.75

TOP SECRET

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

(Same instruction as card 1.)

DATES:

Apr 17 '61

CATEGORIES:

CARD 2 of 3

OCCURRENCE:

SHACKLEY, cont: the purpose for which the material was to be used.)

8. ~~FRANK REISCHNER~~ TSD ~~(REISCHNER'S)~~ participation was limited to furnishing the pills to O'CONNELL on 18 April 1962.)

9. ANTONIO VARONA, the Cuban exile leader (He presumably was not aware of government sponsorship.)

10. VARONA'S SON-IN-LAW (He too was presumably not aware of government's role.)

11. MACEO, ROSSELLI's "Man" (MACEO probably knew there was a government connection, but may not have identified CIA as the agency.)

(con't.)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Walt ELDER, RFK, GENERAL LANSDALE,
MCGEORGE BUNDY, BRUCE CHEEVER (CIA),

DATES:

9/14/62

CATEGORIES:

MONGOOSE
Special Group Augmented

OCCURRENCE:

Possibility of sabotage of [] spare parts allegedly ready for shipment to Cuba
by Canada is being looked into--Chief, Task Force W says this activity is underway.

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SOURCE:

Memorandum for the record on MONGOOSE meeting, 14 Sept 1962-

Walt Elder

FILE:

Cage

00049

STAFF:

PGW

DATE: June 30, 1975

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
William Harvey Gen. Lansdale Walter Elder DCI	11/14/62 Nov. 21, 1962 10/30/62	Special Group Augmented Operation Mongoose Cuba
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Memorandum dated Nov. 21, 1962 (01151)
FILE: DATE: July 1, 1975

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16-3-74

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Gen Lansdale
Gilpatrick
Don Wilson

Cheever

OCCURRENCE:

Kieyes had been turned over to USIA for operational use.

canceling Lawrence

CATEGORIES:

MONGOOSE
SGA
CUBA

DATES:

Oct 31, 1962

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SOURCE: Oct 31, 1962 memo for the record by Gen Lansdale
(00744)

STAFF: Wallach

DATE: July 3, 1975

FILE:

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16-3-94 *en*

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
<p><u>KIRKPATRICK</u></p> <p>William Harvey <u>DDP</u></p> <p>Gen. Lansdale <u>Mr. Halpern</u></p> <p>Walter Elder <u>CHEEVER</u></p> <p>DCI</p>	<p><u>11/14/62</u></p> <p>Nov. 21, 1962</p> <p><u>10/30/63</u></p>	<p>Special Group Augmented</p> <p>Operation Mongoose</p> <p>Cuba</p>
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Paul Wallach

DATE: July 1, 1975

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16 Mar 94 *en*

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

MCCONE, HARVEY, RUZ

de Cunha, Virginia ✓

DATES:

July 10, 1962
~~June 11, 1962~~
~~July 1, 1962~~
~~May 1962~~

CATEGORIES:

MONGOOSE

OCCURRENCE:

Efforts were made to establish contact with Juana Castro Rug, half sister of Fidel and Raul Castro Ruz, because she opposed the strong Communist nature of the Cuban regime. According to Mrs. Virginia Leita de Cunha, she contacted Ruz and obtained Ruz agreement to provide intelligence on the Cuban political leadership and to work against the Cuban Communist regime, "short of engaging in activity which might result in direct personal harm to her brothers Raul and Fidel." Arrangements were being made for direct recruitment of Ruz in Mexico.

SOURCE:

Memorandum for McCone from William Harvey re:

Juana Castro Ruz, 10 July 1962 (02561)

FILE:

STAFF:

DATE: di Genova
July 1, 1975

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22-3-97
(Card 393)

<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
	Oct. 6, 1960	Special Group MONGOOSE Presidential Authorization <i>Card 3 of 3</i>

OCCURRENCE: (cont.)
including some [Germans] in this group and that we would talk informally to General Gemen about it. He emphasized that he was asking for no Special Group approval at this time in this specific connection."

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<u>SOURCE:</u>	<u>STAFF:</u>
Minutes of Special Group meeting October 6, 1960	DATE: Bob Kelley June 29, 1975
<u>FILE:</u>	
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22-3-94

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

(See the 13 names listed below)

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OCCURRENCE:

The I.G. REPORT identified the following persons who knew, in late 1960 or early 1961, of the PHASE I plan to assassinate CASTRO:

1. ALLEN DULLES, DCI ✓
2. GEN. C. P. CABELL, DDCI
3. RICHARD BISSELL, DD/P
4. SHEFFIELD EDWARDS, D/Security
5. JAMES O'CONNELL, Office of Security,
the case officer
6. J. D. ESTERLINE, Chief, WH/4
7. CORNELIUS ROOSEVELT, Chief, TSD
8. RAY TREICHLER, Chemical Division, TSD
9. EDWARD GUNN, Chief, Operations Division, Medical Services

SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967, pp. 34-35

DATES:

FEB., 1961
(APPROXIMATE)

CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET

Card 1
-CUBA - PHASE I

STAFF: Baron

DATE: 28.6.75

FILE:

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<p><u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u> CARTER, MARSHALL ✓ KAUCHATKA FIREFLY</p>	<p><u>DATES:</u> 9/20/62</p>	<p><u>CATEGORIES:</u> SPECIAL GROUP</p>
<p><u>OCCURRENCE:</u> Special Group meeting on 20 September, the proposed use of FIREFLY against KAUCHATKA was disapproved. The A-DCI raised the possibility of using this vehicle against Cuba, but no decision was made, although the Group appeared favorably inclined.</p>		
<p><u>SOURCE:</u> Memorandum by Carter, 9/21/62 (02637)</p>		<p><u>STAFF:</u> WALLACH <u>DATE:</u> 7/2/75</p>

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Maheu
Edwards
Rosselli
Giancana

Trafficante

Free Burridge

DATES:

3 or 4-61

CATEGORIES:

Castro

OCCURRENCE:

that was
Breckinridge testified, Maheu on retainer to CIA "in the early days" (Tr. 99) ('50's?) and "on one occasion" he ~~obtained a female companion for an important foreign leader~~ (Tr. 99) Edwards contacted Maheu who contacted Rosselli who contacted Giancana who contacted Trafficante, who "travelled to and from Cuba," (Tr. 100) and who "had a source inside Cuba (who) ... was believed to have access to Castro and a poison pill was developed that he was to insert into Castro's food." (Tr. 101)

SOURCE:

Testimony of Wm. Colby, 5/23/75

FILE:

STAFF:

John Bayly

DATE:

7/2/75

TOP SECRET